

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

Leveltek Incorporated

West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership

Leveltek Inc. Improves Health and Safety Program with Assistance from WVMEP

Client Profile:

Leveltek, a steel service center, is located in Benwood, West Virginia. Established in 1993, the company employs 20 people.

Situation:

Leveltek's Quality and Safety Manager, Sam Mayberry, sought an expert who could provide an 'OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) style' walkthrough at his facility to identify potential industrial hygiene and safety hazards. Mayberry contacted the West Virginia Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WVMEP), a NIST MEP network affiliate, for assistance.

Solution:

WVMEP conducted an OSHA-style health and safety inspection of Leveltek, some additional space next to the existing facility, and the client's overall safety program. WVMEP used its industrial hygiene and safety background to provide a comprehensive report of findings. The inspection identified 95 hazards in the workplace, each one subject to OSHA fines of up to \$7,000, along with numerous gaps in written safety programs. WVMEP's Initial Health and Safety Consultation (IHSC) report of findings allowed Leveltek to identify and prioritize potential hazards recognized during the walkthrough. Hazard rankings and practical, low-cost solutions were provided for each identified hazard. WVMEP conducted a follow-up inspection to ensure the client would not be subject to OSHA fines. This led to an improved safety and health program at Leveltek due to the elimination of hazards and awareness gained as a result of the project. WVMEP's inspection and the ability to fix the identified hazards provided Leveltek the confidence to lease the additional space to expand operations.

Results:

- * Estimated:
 - \$166,000 in cost savings
 - \$24,000 in investments
 - \$5,000 in workforce training
- * Exceeded mandated OSHA regulations.

Testimonial:

"We find that the expertise, professionalism and dedication to service displayed by the staff at WVMEP is second to none. We have had nothing but positive results in all of our dealings, and would recommend them to any group that needs help of any kind with their safety programs."

Sam Mayberry, Quality and Safety Manager

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